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MILLION DOLLAR REAL ESTATE FRAUD IN CAPE CORAL

Fort Myers, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced the arrests of Ronald D. Luczak, Lisa Luczak, Nelson Alex Gonzalo, Patricia Martin, all residents of Cape Coral, and Sandra Mainardi, a resident of New Jersey. The defendants are charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering. The maximum penalties the defendants face, if convicted on all counts, are 20 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$5 million.

According to the charging document, the defendants participated in fraudulent real estate transactions in Cape Coral. They would locate real estate for sale by owner, allegedly inflate the price of the real estate, and obtain 100% financing for that inflated price. They were able to obtain more than \$30 million in loans, which they allegedly used for extravagant trips, jewelry and their own personal use.

A Criminal Complaint is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and

unless, proven guilty.

The case is being investigated by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Internal Revenue Service and will be prosecuted by Chief Assistant United States Attorney Douglas Molloy.